

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-30, 32-36, 38-48, 50-58, 60 & 61 are pending and claims 1, 7, 13, 25, 43, 55, 56, 58, 60, & 61 are allowed.

This Amendment responds to the aforementioned Office Action.

It should be stated that the original office action was sent on 6/6/2006 but returned (unexplainably) to the PTO, with no further action by the PTO. Applicant thanks SPE Cheryl Jackson Tyler for re-setting the period for response. Applicant also requests an adjustment to the patent term to lengthen the patent term for the time period when the PTO had notice that the patent office action was returned but took no action to notify Attorney for applicant (a little less than seven months). This is especially since the matters which needed to be addressed are/were minor.

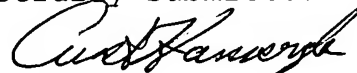
Amendments have been made to the section of the "Summary of the Invention" in the Amendments to the specification above. In addition, a replacement specification is provided which shows the changes made by underlining in the event that this is more convenient. The struck out and underlined details in this action explicitly show the changes to the specification mandated by the Examiner.

The withdrawn claims are believed not to have to be converted to canceled, but if Applicant's understanding is different, please contact Applicant's attorney.

Applicant requests reconsideration and ultimate allowability of all aspects of the case.

The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's Attorney at the number below between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, if such will advance this case.

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